

CAPT. JOHN H. MULLEN.

JANUARY 28, 1897.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered
to be printed.

Mr. THOMAS, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the
following

REPORT.

[To accompany S. 3445.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, having considered the bill (S. 3445) to increase the pension of Capt. John H. Mullen, adopt the following from the Senate report and recommend the passage of the bill:

John H. Mullen enlisted October 7, 1861, as a private in Company B, Twelfth Connecticut Infantry. He was promoted to corporal, sergeant, sergeant-major, second lieutenant, first lieutenant and adjutant, and captain, with which rank he was mustered out and honorably discharged August 12, 1865. He participated in every action in which his regiment was engaged during his entire service, and was wounded in side at the battle of Cedar Creek, October 19, 1864. It appears that he had a severe attack of inflammatory rheumatism in March and April, 1862, again in 1873, and again in 1891. He believes that such rheumatism caused disease of heart, but he is unable to furnish satisfactory evidence of origin and continuance of rheumatism or disease of heart.

W. H. Lincoln, M. D., of Wabasha, Minn., testifies that on October 13, 1893, he found claimant suffering from embolism of the left femoral artery. The embolism was undoubtedly from the heart, and the result of rheumatic heart disease. Collateral circulation sufficient to nourish the limb could not be established, and he was compelled to amputate the limb at the upper third of the thigh October 18, 1893. The heart disease and the loss of his leg totally incapacitate him for manual labor. The examining board at Wabasha, Minn., March 18, 1896, rated him thirty-six eighteenths for loss of leg, and twelve eighteenths for disease of heart. If he could establish his disabilities as of service origin he would be entitled to \$45 per month. He can not do so, however, and is now pensioned under the act of June 27, 1890, at \$12 per month, which is his only means of support for himself and wife and four children.

In view of his helplessness and need, and the probability that his helplessness is due to causes which originated in the service, your committee is of the opinion that this man should be pensioned at total of the rank which he earned during nearly four years of hard service. It is therefore recommended that this bill do pass.